

**What is claimed is:**

1. An breathable packaging material, comprising:

a sheet of material having an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer periphery, the sheet of material having controlled atmosphere characteristics, the sheet of material further comprising both a desiccant and an antimicrobial agent.

2. The breathable packaging material of claim 1, wherein the sheet of material further comprises a bonding material.

3. The breathable packaging material of claim 1, wherein the sheet of material further comprises a non-fogging agent.

4. A breathable packaging system, comprising:

a sheet of material having an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer periphery, the sheet of material having controlled atmosphere characteristics, the sheet of material further comprising both a desiccant and an antimicrobial agent; and

an item, wherein said item is packaged within said sheet of material.

5. The breathable packaging system of claim 4 wherein the item comprises a floral grouping.

6. The breathable packaging system of claim 4 wherein the item comprises a flower pot.
7. The breathable packaging system of claim 6 wherein the flower pot further comprises a floral grouping.
8. The breathable packaging system of claim 4 wherein the item comprises fresh produce.
9. The breathable packaging system of claim 4 wherein the item comprises food.
10. The breathable packaging system of claim 4 wherein the item comprises a pharmaceutical product.
11. The breathable packaging system of claim 4 wherein the item comprises medical supplies/equipment.
12. The breathable packaging system of claim 4 wherein the sheet of material further comprises a bonding material.
13. The breathable packaging system of claim 4 wherein the sheet of material further comprises a non-fogging agent.

14. A decorative cover formed from breathable packaging material, comprising:

a sheet of material having an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer periphery, the sheet of material having controlled atmosphere characteristics, the sheet of material further comprising both a desiccant and an antimicrobial agent; and

means for forming the sheet of material into a flower pot cover.

15. The decorative cover of claim 14 wherein the flower pot cover is formed such that said flower pot cover is sealable about a flower pot having a floral grouping disposed therein.

16. The decorative cover of claim 14 wherein the sheet of material further comprises a bonding material.

17. The decorative cover of claim 14 wherein the sheet of material further comprises a non-fogging agent.



22. A packaging system utilizing a breathable packaging material, comprising:

a sheet of material having an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer periphery, the sheet of material having controlled atmosphere characteristics, the sheet of material further comprising both a desiccant and an antimicrobial agent;

a floral grouping contained within a pot; and

means for forming the sheet of material about the floral grouping and the pot such that a sealed but breathable package is formed.

23. The packaging system of claim 22 wherein the sheet of material further comprises a bonding material.

24. The packaging system of claim 22 wherein the sheet of material further comprises a non-fogging agent.

25. A packaging system utilizing a breathable packaging material which forms a decorative cover, comprising:

a sheet of material having an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer periphery, the sheet of material having controlled atmosphere characteristics, the sheet of material further comprising both a desiccant and an antimicrobial agent;

a floral grouping contained within a pot;

means for forming the sheet of material about the floral grouping and the pot such that a sealed but breathable package is formed; and

means for removing at least a portion of the breathable package such that a decorative cover is formed.

26. The packaging system of claim 25 wherein the sheet of material further comprises a bonding material.

27. The packaging system of claim 25 wherein the sheet of material further comprises a non-fogging agent.

28. A method for packaging items with a breathable packaging material, comprising the steps of:

providing an item;

providing a breathable packaging material, comprising a sheet  
 5 of material having an upper surface, a lower surface and  
 an outer periphery, the sheet of material having  
 controlled atmosphere characteristics, the sheet of  
 material further comprising both a desiccant and an  
 antimicrobial agent;

10 wrapping the item in the sheet of material; and

sealing the item in the sheet of material, thereby forming a  
 breathable package.

29. The method of claim 28, wherein in the step of providing an item, the item comprises a floral grouping.

30. The method of claim 28, wherein in the step of providing an item, the item comprises a flower pot.

31. The method of claim 30 wherein the flower pot further comprises a floral grouping.

32. The method of claim 28, wherein in the step of providing an item, the item comprises fresh produce.

33. The method of claim 28, wherein in the step of providing an item, the item comprises medical supplies/equipment.

34. The method of claim 28, wherein in the step of providing a sheet of material, the sheet of material further comprises a bonding material.

35. The method of claim 28, wherein in the step of providing a sheet of material, the sheet of material further comprises a non-fogging agent.

36. The method of claim 28, wherein in the step of providing an item, the item further comprises food.

37. The method of claim 28, wherein in the step of providing an item, the item further comprises a pharmaceutical product.